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GAME OVER for HARD HITS

The Jets' Patrik Laine is helped by a trainer after getting hit during the game against the Sabres on Saturday.
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In a league that consistently sees the careers of top players cut short or interrupted by concussions, Metro's Braeden Jones argues that the need for clean hits to be a part of the game must be re-examined. **metroNEWS**

Braking on roadwork

CANADA SUMMER GAMES

City will restrict construction during big sports event



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg locals have something extra special to look forward to this summer, and no, it's not hotter weather.

For two weeks from July 28 to Aug. 13, roadwork and other construction will be prohibited around areas of the city that are deemed important for Winnipeg to host the Canada Summer Games and its expected 24,000 visitors.

"We recognize that the Canada Summer Games is of huge importance to the City of Winnipeg ... even the whole country especially in the 150th anniversary year," Lester Deane, director of the city's public works department, said in a recent interview.

"We want to make the experience as pleasant as possible for people attending and visiting Winnipeg from around the country."

That means reducing traffic congestion caused by road construction — a conditions Winnipeggers know all too well.

The city says there are approximately 20 proposed street locations where roadwork will be restricted during the games.

Municipal spokeswoman Lisa Fraser

said the list would not be released until it's finalized and all the spots for street renewal are announced, which usually happens during the spring.

Deane said construction-free zones would be established around event venues and routes that carry people — by car, transit, shuttle or foot — to and from these locations.

Construction scheduled for areas around some hotels and tourist attractions would also be prohibited.

Deane expressed no concern this two-week blackout period would send construction projects running behind schedule.

In fact, Deane says, notice of this restriction is already being inked into upcoming roadwork tenders.

Chris Lorenc, president of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, agrees there is no problem so long as industry members continue to know far enough in advance.

Contractors will be asked to get roadwork done either before or after the Games, and on more complex multi-year projects, like the rehabilitation of Pembina Highway, the extent of the work will be limited as much as possible during the Games, Deane said.

"We're trying to strike a balance between delivering long-term infrastructure goals and not having a major or detrimental impact for those three weeks in Winnipeg."

According to the event website, more the 4,000 athletes and coaches, as well as 20,000 visitors, are expected to descend on the city for the event.



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Premier questioned over lack of email on vacation

POLITICS

Pallister plans to spend up to eight weeks in Costa Rica

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister faced renewed questions Friday over how much work he gets done while spending up to two months a year at his vacation home in Costa Rica.

Pallister said he reads and writes documents, and communicates by phone, while in the tropical country but rarely uses email. He said he also does not get documents sent to him electronically, barring an emergency.

"Principally, we use emails for emergencies — and, fingers crossed, there haven't been emergencies — so, it's been good, but I'm available, I'm accessible at any point in time if need be," Pallister said Friday in an interview at the legislature.

"I prefer direct phone conversations. I just find the quality of the interactions a lot better."

Pallister, who was elected last April, revealed in an interview last month that he plans to spend a total of six to eight weeks a year — not all at once — in Costa Rica while serving as premier.

The legislature resumes in March and the budget is expected in early spring.

Pallister describes himself as a workaholic and has repeatedly said he gets a lot of work done while at his Costa Rica home.



Premier Brian Pallister, saying he gets a lot of work done while at his vacation home despite not using email, displays some of the documents he says he carried with him on a holiday trip. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I prefer direct phone conversations. I just find the quality of the interactions a lot better. Premier Brian Pallister

A report Friday by the Winnipeg Free Press said government records showed Pallister had no email communication with any of his senior political staff during his first three months in office, and there was no record of a specific email address for the premier in the government directory.

Pallister said he has a government email account that

he rarely, if ever, uses. He also said he has a cellphone with him in Costa Rica — sometimes carried by his wife — and Internet access, and he personally covers all long-distance communication charges.

"The taxpayer is not paying because I'm in Costa Rica or anywhere else."

Pallister showed reporters Friday several large documents

he says he took with him on a trip to Costa Rica over the holidays — a report on pre-budget public consultations, an external review of government's fiscal performance and more.

Transporting physical documents, as well as a flash drive containing electronic records, also provides a level of security over email, Pallister said.

New Democrat justice critic Andrew Swan, who served as a cabinet minister under two NDP premiers, said Pallister's lack of email usage is concerning.

"I know as a minister, there

was not a single vacation that went by that I didn't receive briefing notes and other material that were necessary so that I could give direction and make decisions to make sure that my department was running the way it should," Swan said.

"Many times, (Pallister's) department or his political staff will have different alternatives on courses of action to take, and I would think that a premier would want to be aware of that to give the best possible direction."

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ART GALLERY

Campus screens 'funny' films

Funny Haha and Funny Peculiar is the intriguing title of a film event coming to the University of Winnipeg's campus art gallery.

Five short works will run together in a continuous loop in Gallery 1C03 from Feb. 13 to 18.

One of them, *Two Men in Search of a Plot*, created by John Kozak and Howard Curle, features a pair of doofuses trying and failing to dispose of bodies.

The Champ, by the Markus Milos Ian Fabian collective, leans in a decidedly more peculiar direction, showing a gruesome prison execution in a twisted boxing match.

The screening is included in *Moving Images*, an exhibition of 23 short films and videos created by artists affiliated with the university. The works will be grouped in five themed programs, each one running in a loop.

The 2000 film *The Heart of the World* by celebrated director/artist Guy Maddin is part of a program titled *The Haunted Cinema* running from Jan. 30 to Feb. 4.

The other programs are *To Make a Prairie* (Jan. 12-21), *The Personal Is Political* (Jan. 23-28) and *Women's Pictures, Women's Lives* (Feb. 6-11).

Complementing the exhibition, Seances, Maddin's online National Film Board of Canada collaboration with brothers Evan and Galen Johnson, will be shown in the University Library along with a selection of Maddin's collages.

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AIR CANADA

Fault forces flight to make landing

An Air Canada plane made an unscheduled stop in Winnipeg due to a mechanical issue.

Winnipeg Airports Authority spokesman Tyler MacAfee says the plane was flying from Fort McMurray, Alta., to Toronto on Saturday when it developed a mechanical problem.

Air Canada spokesman John Reber says in an email that the Airbus A319 had trouble with an engine throttle and landed without incident. Reber says the 96 passengers on board would be accommodated on other flights to Toronto.

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CRIME

Two sent to hospital in weekend stabbing incident

Two men ended up in hospital after a stabbing in the Exchange District this weekend, Winnipeg police say. According to a release issued Sunday, police says officers responded to the 100 block of Princess Street after receiving reports of a serious assault on Sunday

around 2:10 a.m.

Police said two men in their twenties were found to be hurt and taken to hospital.

The investigation remains ongoing. Police released no other details around the circumstances of the incident or possible suspects.

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HEALTH

Staff shortage shuts QuickCare clinic

One of Winnipeg's six QuickCare health clinics will be closing at the end of the month.

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority says the lease at the clinic on St. Mary's Road will not be renewed.

Jeanette Edwards, a spokeswoman for the authority, says

they are dealing with a shortage of nurse practitioners.

She says staff from the centre will be reassigned to the remaining five clinics.

Edwards says there are no plans to shut down any of the other facilities.

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Faces of Winnipeg by David Lipnowski



Darrell is currently finishing his Athletic Therapy degree at the University of Manitoba. He has been doing his field work, which included an assignment to work with the Fort Richmond Centurions basketball team in case an athlete was injured during the game. He is a full time dad and enjoys traveling.

Though originally from Winnipeg, Darrell fell in love with the beauty and warmer weather of Vancouver and the west coast through his travels. He hopes to move to Vancouver to start his own Athletic Therapy practice at some point in the future after graduating. The first thing you may notice about Darrell is that most of his body is covered in tattoos, and each one has a specific meaning to him.

Bike Winnipeg glad city is making connections

TRANSIT

Consultants wanted, to improve active transportation



A city-commissioned look into people-powered travel from the West End to the University of Winnipeg area could lead to "important links" that strengthen the city's active transportation (AT) network, advocates say.

Mark Cohoe, director of Bike Winnipeg, said for the most part the U of W is "easy to get close to," but not navigate around or really arrive at easily.

"For the last two or three blocks the cycling facilities tend to peter out," Cohoe said, adding it's true of a few existing AT paths in the city to downtown.

Thankfully, the city has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to have a consultant hone in on connecting St Matthews Avenue to the U of W and closing one of those gaps. "It's something we look at as hopefully being able to make that corridor a little more useful," Cohoe said.

In the RFP, the project goals listed include identifying "ways to make improvements so that people of all ages and abilities (can) safely walk or bike within the defined area."

Included in the all ages and abilities, then, would be U of W students, many of whom commute from the affordable neighbourhoods west of the school. So another goal for the consultant is identifying opportunities to "increase the number of students walking or biking to school by



In addition to identifying cycling routes, the study will also look at how people want to use existing and future walking and cycling networks to improve "cohesiveness in the community." DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

providing a safe environment."

Cohoe said both Bike Winnipeg and representatives from University of Winnipeg have been involved in preliminary discussions about what is needed in terms of improvements, and both parties are "glad to see this moving along" with stakeholder engagement.

"We've sent proposals through already, we think there are good connections—a few different options," Cohoe said. "One

would be right at Qu'Appelle Avenue to Spence Street."

In addition to identifying cycling routes, the study will also look at how people want to use existing and future walking and cycling networks to improve "cohesiveness in the community."

A similar contract is available for a consultant to do the same for connecting Bannatyne Avenue to Sherbrook Street and Waterfront Drive.

That project's scope includes a specific requirement for "adjustable protected bike lanes on Bannatyne Avenue and McDermot Avenue."

The RFP says the adjustable facilities "would allow for on-going monitoring and public feedback of protected bike facilities that would inform the design of the permanent facilities that will be constructed at the time of the future street renewal."

Once the contracts are awarded, the city's consultant will undertake a study of the neighbourhood, project planning including public engagement, and preliminary designs for any improvements.

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OPINION

'Clean hits' shouldn't result in concussed athletes

JONES ON JETS

Braeden Jones



No one at any level of hockey likes seeing a guy get hurt.

So when the Winnipeg Jets' leading scorer Patrik Laine was concussed in Buffalo on Saturday, no one was happy. They won't be for a while — with no timetable for the rookie's return, it's anyone's guess how long he'll be off.

Hockey fans like big open-ice hits, they're conditioned to cheer for those, it's "part of the game," after all.

This is especially true when a guy has his head down and doesn't see the hit coming — those ones are huge, and the cheers that follow are, too.

In 1995, Jets fans were



Jets forward Patrik Laine lies on the ice after being hit during the third period against the Sabres on Saturday in Buffalo, N.Y. JEFFREY T. BARNES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

horrified when their young star Teemu Selanne hit a wall named Mike Peca at centre ice in Vancouver.

Fast forward 21 years and it's Kid Flash Patrik Laine staring up at the ceiling after being crushed by Jake McCabe, this time after being fed what players refer to as a "suicide pass."

In Vancouver then and in Buffalo now, the hit was followed by a fracas on the ice and heated debate elsewhere. No one at any level of hockey likes seeing a guy get hurt, but somehow they write off an injury if there's no penalty on the play.

But in a league that consistently sees the careers

of some of its best players either cut short or interrupted by concussions, the definition of "clean" should be adjusted.

NHL executives and its players' association are more sensitive to concussion risk these days, but even after decades have passed and hundreds of players have suf-



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fered, problems still persist.

The league has attempted to crack down on hits to the head and added "concussion spotters" to games who can — and have, as seen with Connor McDavid this season — remove potentially concussed players from games.

Despite new concussion evaluations and protocols, nothing has helped curb the devastating blows that cause them.

Maurice said it's tough when the collision doesn't have the "markers of a dirty hit," when elbows aren't up, a shoulder doesn't meet a helmet, or no one leaves their feet.

But it's not enough to crack down on hits to the head. Maybe hard hits, the kind where you can tell an aggressor puts a little extra on it, don't belong in hockey any more. Maybe they shouldn't be a "part of the game" anymore.

A rule change might not even be needed. Referees pocket whistles for practically all hits from a player's blind side — outlawed at the same time as head hits — and very seldom evoke the discretionary intent to injure penalty.

Don't argue about whether McCabe's hit on Laine was clean, ask if he had to hit him that hard. Laine probably could have been removed from the play and taken off the puck without being knocked out.

If enforcement is supposed to protect players, and it becomes normal to get a penalty for hitting a player with his head down instead of normal for players with their head down to get hit, maybe fewer players will get knocked out.

What do NHL fans like more: The brand of hockey that players like Laine bring to the ice, or big hits?

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Mission hires ex-Bombers' VP

GOOD WORKS

Jim Bell taking on Siloam role as Gary Corbett retires



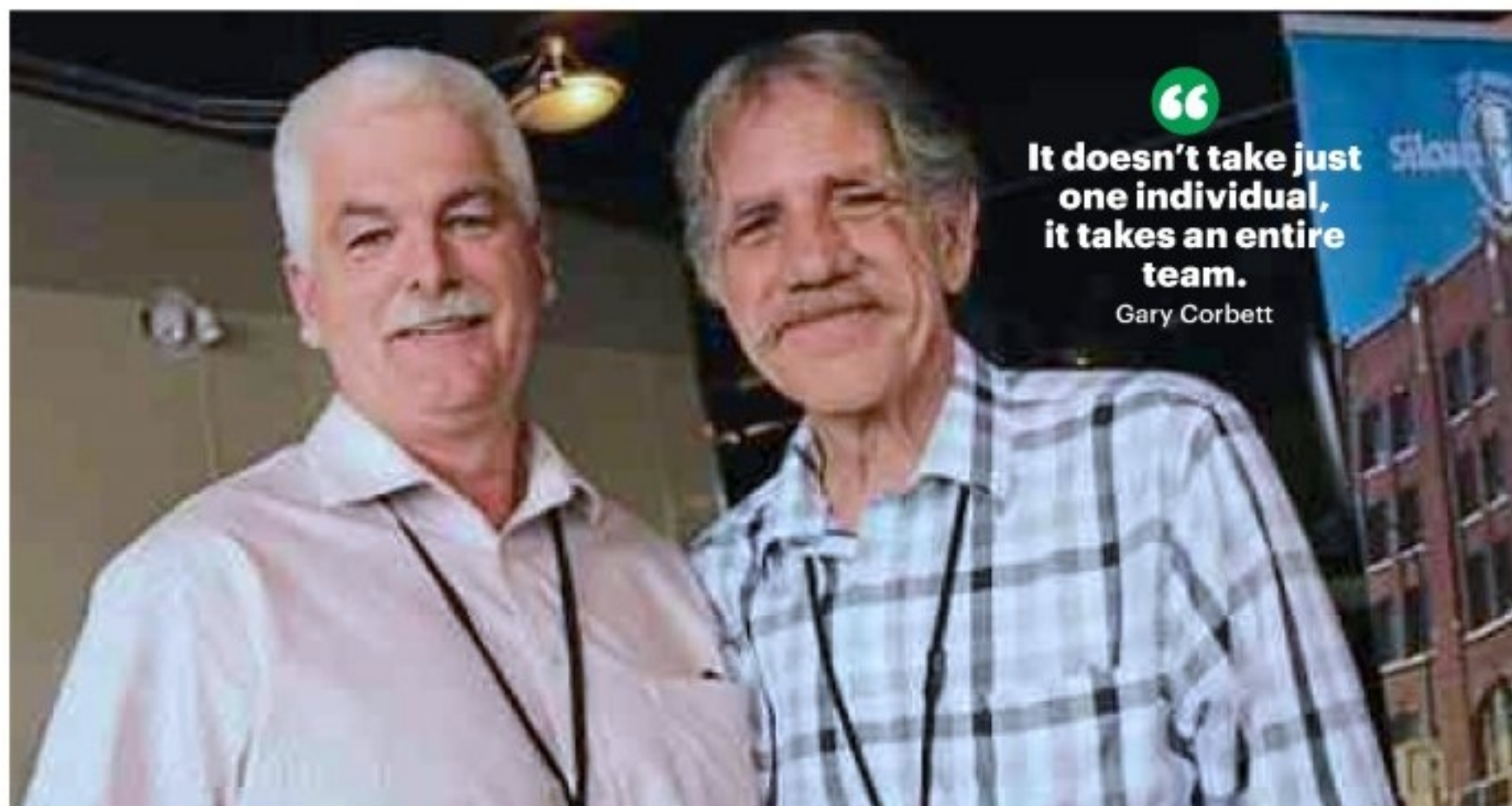
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For Metro|Winnipeg

A familiar face is the new leader of a local non-profit that provides meals, shelter and hope to hundreds of Winnipeg's less fortunate every day.

Jim Bell, a former vice-president with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, has scored the top job at Siloam Mission.

"I do know... when it comes time to rally behind a cause, when it comes time to rally behind something that is truly meaningful and right into the depths of life, that Winnipeggers and Manitobans rally. And that's part of the reason I'm here," said Bell, who is a life-long Winnipegger.

"I look forward to working with the people in the building, employees — as I say, my teammates — and those who come



"It doesn't take just one individual, it takes an entire team."

Gary Corbett

Siloam Mission's new CEO Jim Bell (left) takes over from retiring CEO Gary Corbett this month. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI

to Siloam Mission each day, and I look forward to working with the community at large."

After volunteering with Siloam's capital campaign for the last few months, Bell is tak-

ing over the reigns from CEO Gary Corbett, who is retiring this month.

Bell is a chartered professional accountant and holds an honours degree in commerce from

the University of Manitoba. He also earned the federal Conservative nomination in the Kildonan-St. Paul riding in 2015.

At a press conference, Corbett said he had a heart attack

recently, which led to him re-evaluate his position.

Corbett said he hadn't planned the heart attack, just as Siloam's clients don't plan to be homeless. After retiring on

Jan. 14, he'll become a volunteer.

"I realized as I was going through my recovery that it took a team to help me get back to full strength. And it's very similar to here (for) our folks who are going through homelessness and poverty. It doesn't take just one individual, it takes an entire team," Corbett said.

"I've come to the culmination of my career and I've been fortunate in other positions that I've held, but this has been without question the best."

Bell, who grew up in the West End, said the teamwork and community-building skills he honed working with the Bombers should help in his new role, despite the very new goals he's taking on.

"Here I'll be working with wonderful people who I can already see are committed to the task and so there are similarities, but yet a different focus. This is a gem within our community," Bell said.

Last year, Siloam served about 507,000 meals and one million cups of coffee. The mission has about 9,000 volunteers, 70-80 full-time staff and 110 beds, which are full every night, Corbett said.

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Feds' action on fentanyl crisis blasted

OVERDOSE

MP suggests government's response has regional bias

A Liberal MP is speaking out about what she considers a frustratingly slow response by her own federal government to the crisis of fentanyl, a potent opioid linked to more than 500 overdose deaths last year in B.C. and Alberta alone.

"I feel it's something we need to be doing something about faster than we are doing it," Hedy Fry, the longtime Liberal MP for Vancouver Centre, said in an interview.

The number of Canadian deaths from fentanyl — often used to cut other drugs, such as heroin, cocaine or oxycodone — is highest in B.C. and Alberta, prompting Fry to suggest that a regional bias, albeit unintentional, might be at play.

"I think that it is that the whole country isn't suffering from the same problem — it's B.C. and Alberta," Fry said.

"It's now starting in Ontario, and I would suggest to you that

once it gets bad in Ontario, we will notice action being taken."

Terry Lake, the B.C. health minister, made a similar point at an opioid summit in Ottawa last November, when politicians met with doctors, public health experts and people with lived experience to explore solutions to the epidemic.

"It took a while for them to understand the magnitude of the situation, because the numbers here in B.C. are so much greater

on a per capita basis than they are in Ontario," Lake said in an interview Friday.

It can be tough to get an entirely accurate picture of the problem, because different provinces use different ways

to track deaths from overdoses.

The Coroners Service of British Columbia reported 374 illicit drug overdose deaths linked to fentanyl between January and Oct. 31 last year. Alberta reported 193 fentanyl-related deaths between January and September of last year.

Ontario, which has a population about three times the size of either of those provinces, reported 166 deaths linked to fentanyl in 2015, according to data for 2015 from the chief coroner's office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The whole country isn't suffering from the same problem — it's B.C. and Alberta.

Hedy Fry



A man walks through a boat yard in Sambro, N.S., on Sunday. A powerful nor'easter blanketed the province overnight with up to 35 centimetres of snow. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINTER STORM

Atlantic Canada sees barrage of snow, ice

Parts of Atlantic Canada were digging out Sunday after a winter storm dumped 35 centimetres of snow on some areas.

Environment Canada says as much as 35 centimetres of snow fell over parts of Nova Scotia and P.E.I. overnight Saturday, while southeastern New Brunswick received about 25 centimetres.

Many flights at Halifax Stanfield International Airport were delayed or cancelled and most major roads in Nova Scotia were still snow-covered Sunday afternoon.

About 6,000 Nova Scotia Power customers were briefly in the dark Sunday, but that number dropped to about 200 by early afternoon.

P.E.I. remained under a win-

ter storm warning Sunday afternoon, as high winds were expected to blow snow across roadways and create zero-visibility driving conditions.

Most of western Newfoundland was under a snowfall warning Sunday, with 20 centimetres expected by the afternoon before the snow changed to ice pellets and freezing rain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The number of Nova Scotia Power customers who lost power on Sunday as a result of the winter storm.

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Ransom call 'quickly went bad'

NEW BRUNSWICK

Dog kidnapper called woman with demand for money

It was the call she was hoping for, but not the call she expected.

Denise Ramsay's German shepherd golden retriever mix dog had been missing for four days after vanishing from her yard in Miramichi, N.B. She received a call on New Year's Day and the man on the other end of the line said he had her dog Sadie.

"He could have been my hero," said Ramsay. "But it went bad so quickly."

She said the man wanted money in exchange for the 12-year-old dog and said he would not give her back until the cash was transferred.

Ramsay had let Sadie and her other dog Samie the cocker spaniel outside to use the bathroom around 10 p.m. on Dec. 28. But when it came time for the dogs to go back inside, Sadie did not come.



Denise Ramsay, her 12-year-old dog, a German shepherd golden retriever mix named Sadie, and 11-year-old dog, a cocker spaniel named Samie. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

She's never wandered away from home before because she has a collar that emits a sound when she reaches the perimeter of their property, said Ramsay.

Friends and family searched for Sadie until 4 a.m. the next

day. Ramsay even enlisted the help of a snowmobiler to keep an eye out and a drone was used to scour the area. She has also widely publicized on Facebook that her dog was missing.

On Jan. 1, Ramsay received

a call from a blocked number while sitting in her husband's truck on a lunch break.

Initially she was relieved because the man on the other end of the line said he had Sadie. But the conversation quickly

turned sour.

"My husband told the man he would meet him anywhere, and he said, 'No, that's not how this is going to go down. You need to send me the money first,'" according to Ramsay.

Not knowing if the man actually had Sadie, Ramsay kept him on the line and called 911 on another phone, but when the man realized the 911 operator was listening in on the conversation via speakerphone, he hung up.

Ramsay said if she wasn't so distraught, she would have taken the man's email and made the transfer.

"All he had to do was say, 'I found your dog,' and he would have got a reward and he would have been my best friend for the rest of my life," said Ramsay, adding that police have said they will watch out for Sadie, but there's not much else they can do at this point.

Miramichi Police Sgt. Bob Bruce said in an email Saturday that there is nothing to indicate anything other than the dog is missing and that officers are keeping a lookout for Sadie.

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NOVA SCOTIA

Feds to pay for funeral

The federal government confirmed it will pay for the funerals of four people found dead in a Nova Scotia home last Tuesday.

However, Veterans Affairs officials would not elaborate further Saturday on details of the payment for the services for Lionel Desmond, his wife, mother and daughter.

Media reports quote family members as saying they were told that the government would cover funeral costs.

Police have said Desmond shot his 31-year-old wife Shanna, their 10-year-old daughter Aaliyah and his mother Brenda Desmond, 52, in their home in Upper Big Tracadie before killing himself.

Family members have said the former soldier was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder after a tour in Afghanistan in 2007, and had received treatment from the military.

An online fundraising campaign to help pay for the Desmond family's funeral expenses had raised nearly \$22,000 in donations by Saturday evening.

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Teena Changarathil
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EDMONTON

Cemetery searches for its first artist-in-residence



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Here's an eerily good opportunity: the City of Edmonton will give one artist the chance of a lifetime, to work among

the dead.

The Edmonton Arts Council has put out a call for applications to be the first artist-in-residence hosted by City of Edmonton Cemeteries.

The chosen artist will get to work on art in local cemeteries as a full-time job for six months,

with a primary studio space on the second floor of a building at Mount Pleasant.

While some might find the space unnerving, Teena Changarathil, supervisor of cemetery sales and operations with the city, said it could be inspiring.

"It's very historic. A lot of what

we do with cemeteries is we have beautiful parkland, and it's really a warm and inviting place," Changarathil said.

"Once you get past the initial cemetery part of it and actually focus in on the area and the work that we do and our staff and the customers that we work with on

a regular basis, the sombreness kind of fades away and the comfort and connections and history comes to light."

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Questions swirl in airport shooting

FORT LAUDERDALE

Iraq war veteran charged in the deaths of five people

Florida airport shooting suspect Esteban Santiago, facing federal charges that could potentially result in a death sentence, has his first court hearing Monday.

Santiago, a 26-year-old Iraq war veteran from Anchorage, Alaska, is charged with committing violence against people at an international airport resulting in death and with two firearms offences. The hearing Monday is only the beginning of what will likely be a lengthy journey through the federal court system following the shooting at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport that killed five people and wounded six others.

HOW LIKELY IS THE DEATH PENALTY?

Although the charges carry

a potential death sentence, the Justice Department will decide later whether to pursue that penalty assuming Santiago is convicted. Many other issues can come into play, such as whether he decides to plead guilty or go to trial. Guilty pleas usually do not result in death sentences.

DOES SANTIAGO HAVE A DEFENCE?

Uphill at best. There are dozens of witnesses to the shooting and the FBI said in an affidavit that he told agents in a post-arrest interview how he planned the attack, what weapon he brought with him to Florida, how he loaded the gun from his checked luggage in an airport bathroom and came out firing. There is also video surveillance of the shooting and its aftermath. Santiago was arrested after running out of ammunition and lying spread-eagle on the floor until a deputy took him in to custody, his 9mm handgun nearby.

WHAT ABOUT MENTAL ISSUES?

Santiago's attorney can ask

for a mental competency evaluation to determine if he is fit to stand trial. It's a fairly high standard for any defendant to escape criminal charges because of mental problems because many defendants understand the difference between right and wrong. The main issue for the court is whether a defendant is too impaired to assist in his own defence. Most defendants who go this route are ultimately judged fit for trial and the mental health issue becomes a factor at sentencing.

IF TERRORISM LINKS ARE FOUND, THEN WHAT?

Federal prosecutors could obtain a new grand jury indictment charging Santiago with terror-related offences, either adding them to the existing charges or substituting them. So far, officials have said they have uncovered no evidence linking Santiago to international terrorism. But he did tell authorities in Alaska that U.S. intelligence agencies were directing him to take orders from Daesh.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



WEATHER EXTREME COLD GRIPS EUROPE Migrants warm themselves by the fire inside a derelict customs warehouse on Saturday. Blizzards and dangerously low temperatures persisted in parts of Europe, prompting Pope Francis to draw attention to the homeless suffering in the cold. In Serbia, aid workers scrambled to help hundreds of migrants sleeping in makeshift shelters. The extreme winter weather that has gripped Europe has caused more than a dozen deaths and left many villages cut off. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

BRAZIL

Oh, for Elrond's sake: Great-grandma prays to wrong figurine



Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

A Brazilian woman claimed a late entrant to the "funniest discovery of 2016" after learning an elderly relative had been unknowingly praying daily to a Lord of the Rings tchotchke.

Gabriela Brandao, a beautician from Florianopolis, had a hunch something was amiss

with what a great-grandmother thought was a figurine of a Catholic saint.

"My daughter's great-grandmother prays to this figure of San Antonio every day," Brandao wrote on Facebook. "But looking closer..."

Such an inspection revealed the figure's finery had more of an environmentalist bent, which is more indicative of Elrond, the half-elf Lord of Rivendell and not Saint Anthony, patron saint of lost things.



Something seemed off about a Brazilian woman's Saint Anthony figurine. FACEBOOK

ISRAEL

Truck attack kills four

A Palestinian truck driver on Sunday rammed his vehicle into a crowd of Israeli soldiers at a popular Jerusalem tourist spot, killing four people and wounding 17 others in the deadliest single attack in more than a year. The attack came at a time of tensions in Jerusalem, where Palestinians have warned of consequences if Donald Trump follows through on his promise to move the U.S. Embassy to the city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED STATES

Trump accepts Russia's role in hacking: Aide

President-elect Donald Trump and his aides are entering a crucial week in his presidential transition as he and his Cabinet nominees undergo public questioning about their approach to Russia and potential conflicts of interests.

Most pressing during the upcoming days of confirmation hearings and Trump's first press conference in six months likely will be whether he accepts the conclusion of U.S. intelligence officials that Russia meddled

in the U.S. election.

Trump's incoming chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said Sunday that Trump has accepted that Russia was responsible for the hacking, which targeted the Democratic National Committee and a top aide to Hillary Clinton.

"He's not denying that entities in Russia were behind this particular campaign," Priebus said.

That's more than Trump himself has said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ingenuity Lab director Carlo Montemagno has engineered a new way to capture CO₂ from industrial gas emissions. His foam bioreactor technology harnesses photosynthesis, the process plants use to convert carbon dioxide into chemical energy. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The quest to find worth in waste

TECH PRIZE

A commercial use for CO₂ could save the atmosphere

What if carbon dioxide emissions could be transformed from a liability into an asset?

That's the \$20-million question behind the NRG COSIA Carbon XPrize, a global competition to create technology that converts carbon dioxide into valuable products.

"In energy and climate, few ideas are as potentially transformative as the idea of turning the economics of CO₂ and climate change on its head," said Marcius Extavour, director of technical operations for the prize.

Here's a look at some of the Canadian semifinalists:

INGENUITY LAB, EDMONTON

Ingenuity Lab director Carlo

Montemagno has engineered a new way to capture CO₂ from industrial gas emissions. His technology harnesses photosynthesis, the process plants use to convert carbon dioxide into chemical energy using light.

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TERRA CO₂ TECHNOLOGIES, VANCOUVER

Terra CO₂ Technologies is developing a technique to transform acid rock drainage and carbon dioxide emissions — two damaging by-products of mining — into a stable substance.

"Our application for the technology is huge for the mining industry," said Terra CEO Dylan Jones. "We're looking at it as a cost-saving technology."

CARBICRETE, MONTREAL

Cement produces a great deal of greenhouse gas emissions — about one tonne of CO₂ for every tonne of cement. That's why Carbicrete invented a way to make concrete without using cement.

Instead of using cement to bind together the concrete, the company uses steel slag, a by-product of the steel-making process that mostly ends up in landfills.

CARBONCURE TECHNOLOGIES, DARTMOUTH, N.S.

Nova Scotia-based CarbonCure Technologies has also developed a way to use CO₂ to make better concrete.

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"The technology makes concrete stronger, greener and less expensive to manufacture."

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CITY PLANNING

Uber offering up traffic data

Uber is offering a helping hand to some of the same city leaders it sometimes antagonizes with the aggressive way it runs its popular ride-hailing service.

The assistance will come in the form of a free website, called "Movement," expected to be available to the public in

mid-February. Uber announced the new website Sunday, on the eve of a transportation-planning conference in Washington.

Although anyone can use the website, Uber says it believes its main audience will be city officials dealing with congestion in their streets and transit systems.

The website draws upon data Uber gathers from its ride-hailing service showing average travel times on specific routes at any day or time. The San Francisco company believes that information will enable city officials to make better planning decisions.

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THE QUESTION Should I lie my way out of being bridesmaid to my husband's best friend's fiancée who I don't like?

Dear Ellen,
My husband's best friend got engaged over Christmas, and now his fiancée asked me to be her bridesmaid. I don't want to do it. I've already been a bridesmaid four times this year. I don't like her. I tried to put her off by politely declining the "honour" but she won't accept no for an answer. It's so much work and expense even when you like the person. My current plan is to lie my way out of it. Advice?

Reluctant Bridesmaid

Dear Reluctant Bridesmaid,
Hmmm, I'm thinking The Reluctant Bridesmaid would be an excellent title for a horror movie. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

With the bare facts you have supplied, I would say you owe this person nothing, and that a firm "thank you but I really must say no" is a more-than-acceptable way to get out of it.

I would also condone a big fat fake excuse, as I believe that lying one's face off to get out of certain (but not all) situations in order to avoid hurting someone's feelings is also completely acceptable.

The problem here is that your husband is a liability. If he's the groom's best friend, he will no doubt attend the wedding, and possibly even act as best man. Which would make him a conspicuous presence at the proceed-

If she's marrying your husband's best friend, you have to take the men's relationship into account.



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ings. Which means you can't pretend to have a terrible disease, or a dying relative, or that you are on a dangerous intergalactic mission to save the world, without making him look like a total d— for blowing you off to attend the nuptials.

As for telling the brutal truth, you may not care what the fiancée thinks of you. But if she's marrying your husband's best friend, you have to take the men's relationship into account.

Ideally, the two of them will socialize and do guy things without involving you womenfolk for the rest of their lives. (And I have to

say, the old-fashioned habit of forced double-dating between couples is a tradition that deserves to die ASAP.)

But if there's any chance the best friend would be hurt by your refusal to join the wedding party, or that his hurt feelings might affect your husband's friendship with him, you must take that into account.

It doesn't mean you need to submit to emotional blackmail and agree to trot up the aisle with Bridezilla. It just means you have to discuss it with your husband, and work something out. Maybe he'll agree the guilt-trip bridesmaid gig is

a lot of expense and trouble that's too much to ask, and you'll both agree to find a way out of it, regardless of what his best friend thinks. Or maybe he'll feel it's important to his friend, and ask you to suck it up — at which point you will have to make up your own mind what to do.

Whatever your choice, make sure your own precious marriage doesn't get sacrificed on the wedding altar of people you don't care about at all.

Need advice?
Email Ellen:
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VICKY MOCHAMA

Canada will party while indigenous kids are denied services

For the vast portion of Canadian history, indigenous communities have been stripped of their rights. Underfunding students, bickering over health costs, and allowing children to slip into child welfare cracks is how those rights continue to be abridged.

According to a report last week in the Globe and Mail, over the next year, the federal government plans to spend nearly half a billion dollars on Canada 150. While some of that money will go towards promoting truth and reconciliation, spending millions on a party while indigenous children, families and communities fight for equitable services is a hypocrisy.

Last week, the Toronto Star reported that the Assembly of First Nations and First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada filed a motion to the human rights tribunal asking for the federal government to be found guilty. One year ago, the tribunal ordered the government to comply with Jordan's Principle, a law enacted in 2007. The motion alleges that they have failed to heed the tribunal's orders.

Jordan's Principle requires the government to take a child-first approach to providing services to all First Nations children. The government that is first contacted — be it federal or provincial — takes on the cost of a child's services and seeks to solve jurisdictional issues only after those services have first been paid for.

The law is meant to ensure that all indigenous children

receive equal access to government services with the same level of service that non-indigenous children do.

In education, for example, there are significant gaps between what indigenous students on-reserve receive versus provincially funded students. (Education is a provincial responsibility, except in the case of First Nations children living on-reserve.)

A report last month from the parliamentary budget office found shortfalls in what Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provided for students on-reserve and what their provincial counterpart receive. In their estimation, the funding shortfall between what INAC paid for and what the various provinces would be between \$336 million and \$665 million in 2016-2017.

The human rights tribunal case — and many others — is evidence of an ongoing process of depriving indigenous children of equitable and humane services.

Organizations like First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada are continually forced to sue the government to provide for services that are standard and sacrosanct for non-indigenous children.

The most recent federal budget provides \$3.7 billion in funding for indigenous students over the next five years. But too much of that money won't be seen for a few years yet. Generations of indigenous children will be lost in the meantime.

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'When the powerful use their position to bully others, we all lose'

GOLDEN GLOBES

Meryl Streep speech delivers takedown of Donald Trump

In accepting her speech for a lifetime achievement award at Sunday night's Golden Globes, Meryl Streep used the opportunity to criticize U.S. president-elect Donald Trump.

"When the powerful use their position to bully others, we all lose," said Streep, referencing Trump's mocking of a reporter with a disability.

The seasoned actress also gave an ode to her fellow actors in a changing Hollywood, referencing the diverse cultural backgrounds of Dev Patel, Ruth Negga and others. (Even Ryan Gosling received mention for being Canadian.) She used that as an opportunity to take a shot at Trump's intolerant stance when it comes to immigration.

"Hollywood is crawling with outsiders and foreigners and if you kick them all out, you'll have nothing to watch but football and mixed martial arts, which are not the arts," Streep said to loud applause.

La La Land came into the Golden Globes as the big favourite.

Damien Chazelle's Los Angeles musical, which had a leading seven nominations, won best actor for Gosling, best screenplay for Chazelle's script, best score (Justin Hurwitz) and best song for "City of Stars," and best musical or comedy film.

"This isn't the first time I've been mistaken for Ryan Reynolds," Gosling joked, looking at his fellow nominee, the Deadpool star. In one of the evening's more emotional acceptance speeches, Gosling dedicated his award to his late brother-in-law, Juan Carlos Mendes.

"While I was singing and dancing and playing piano and having one of the best experiences I've ever had on a film, my lady was raising our daughter, pregnant with our second and trying to help her brother fight his battle with cancer," said Gosling, referring to his partner, Eva Mendes.



One of the few places left where America still honours the popular vote.

Jimmy Fallon

The Golden Globes got off to a rocky start, when a broken teleprompter initially froze Fallon. "Cut to Justin Timberlake, please," implored a desperately improvising Fallon. It was the second fiasco for Globes producer Dick Clark Productions, which presented the infamous Mariah Carey flub on New Year's Eve.

The Tonight Show host started the show with a cold open ode to La La Land in a lavish sketch more typical of the Academy Awards than the Globes. Fallon did a version of the film's opening dance scene, with starry cameos from Timberlake, previous Globes host Tina Fey, Amy Adams and the white Ford Bronco of The People v. O.J. Simpson.

In a more truncated monologue, Fallon's sharpest barbs weren't directed at the stars in the room (as was the style of frequent host Ricky Gervais) but president-elect Trump. He compared Trump to the belligerent teenage king Joffrey of Games of Thrones. Fallon's first line (at least once the teleprompter was up) was introducing the Globes as "one of the few places left where America still honours the popular vote."

That, though, isn't quite true. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, a collection of 85 members, has its own meth-

ods of selecting winners. Best supporting actress winner Viola Davis, the co-star of Denzel Washington's August Wilson adaptation Fences, alluded to the group's reputation for being wine and dined.

"I took all the pictures, went to luncheon," said Davis, to knowing chuckles through the ballroom, as she clutched her award. "But it's right on time."

While Davis' march to an Oscar seems virtually assured, other picks were more idiosyncratic.

The British actor Aaron Taylor-Johnson took best supporting actor for his performance in Tom Ford's "Nocturnal Animals." It was a surprise that Taylor-Johnson was even nominated, so his win over favourites Mahersala Ali from "Moonlight" and Jeff Bridges from "Hell or High Water" was a shock.

There were expected winners, like The People v. O.J. Simpson taking best miniseries, as well as an award for Sarah Paulson.

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Sparkle and shine — Futuristic metallics were all over the red carpet. From left: Ruth Negga in Louis Vuitton, Chrissy Teigen in Marchesa, and Emma Stone in Valentino.



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Behind bright lights of fame



The late Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds lived side by side, their public and private lives indistinguishable. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds (HBO)

THE MOMENT: Scooting through the casino

Debbie Reynolds, mid-80s, is about to appear in her final stage show, in a lesser Las Vegas casino. Wearing a long black sweater and a tan knit hat, she rides a scooter across the vast casino floor.

This documentary from directors Alexis Bloom and Fisher Stevens shows us that Reynolds was one of the world's most famous women. When her husband Eddie Fisher left her for Elizabeth Taylor, the scandal made Brad/Angelina/Jennifer look pale. But in the casino, she's just another grandma; no one glances her way.

Backstage in a sequined gown that weighs more than she does, Reynolds can barely move. She shuffles gingerly to the stage entrance, a sliver of space between a potted plant and a speaker. But the minute

her toe crosses that line, her shoulders snap back, and she sashays into the spotlight — where she belongs.

I don't know if Bloom and Stevens set out to make Grey Gardens: Hollywood, but that's what they did. Bright Lights is a 94-minute meditation on fame, demonstrating that some people are built for it, and need it like they need food and drink — even if, like food and drink, some of it is bad for them.

Watching it removes some of the sting that Reynolds and her daughter Carrie Fisher recently died a day apart. They lived side by side. They had to be each other's best friends, because only they understood that their public and private lives were indistinguishable. Celebrity had permeated their DNA. It's admirable. It's pitiable. It's fascinating.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Jenny (Jessalyn Wanlim), Anne (Dani Kind), Kate (Catherine Reitman), and Frankie (Juno Rinaldi) star in CBC's new comedy *Workin' Moms*, which premieres on Tuesday, Jan. 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kohler's Workin' progress

COMEDY

Portraying women with 'well-rounded problems'

Genna Buck
Metro



Writer and stand-up comedian Rebecca Kohler has been flexing her funny bone in the writers' room of such shows as Schitt's Creek and Kim's Convenience.

Now she's working on the sitcom *Workin' Moms*, CBC's new, irreverent take on the quest to have it all. But before she hit it big in the world of TV, she was the resident funny lady on the Metro Views page. We caught up with her to talk about the show, how she got into the mind of a mom and the real story behind its unique title.

Tell me about the premise of this show.

There's four main characters and they all have jobs and they all have kids. That's the through line. They have very different lives, with different, well-rounded problems and perspectives. I think four different female characters, all interesting, all funny, all touching at times — you don't get a lot

of room in a lot of situations to portray women like that.

How did you get involved?

My agent sent me a sizzle reel. It's almost like a trailer for what the show could look like. And I really liked it. I thought, 'these characters are interesting, the type of women I feel like I would hang out with.' And it was funny. I really connected with it. And I had an interview with Catherine Reitman (who plays the lead, Kate Foster) and Philip Sternberg (her co-star and real-life husband), who are both executive producers of the show, and about a month later I found out that they wanted to hire me.

The tone seems a little bit more tart than an average CBC comedy...

Tart is what it is. It's not vanilla. I've worked on a few CBC shows this year, and I feel like (the network) is trying to, outside of just *Workin' Moms*, step out of what people have come to think of as the CBC. They're trying to take more risks. There are definitely things in this show that will make the average CBC viewer

be like, "What channel is this that I'm watching?"

There are other working mothers on TV. Why does this need to happen now?

It's not just about having women on TV and film. It's about having real women. These women are portrayed the way men have always been portrayed. It's (also) not just about being a mom. It's about being a woman who is like, "You can't grab me by the f—ing p—sy! Go f—k yourself!" Pardon my language.

You had to put yourself in the mom headspace to write this — but you don't have children. How did you go about that?

All of my best friends have children. I talk to my best friend who I've known for 20-plus years, and hear her stories. I never want to say I've lived as a mom and I know what it's like. I don't, and I would never presume. Part of what I'm good at is listening and respecting those stories and trying to communicate them as best I can.

This show really has a sense

of place. It's so obviously Toronto. Can you talk a little bit about the importance of the setting?

A lot of the Toronto stuff came out through the photography and directing. When Catherine and Philip looked at Toronto, they were like 'Wow, what an amazing city, we want to showcase this.' We had an email chain where Catherine would drive by graffiti, take a photo of it and say, 'We need this in the show!' I think this is a perfect mix of showcasing a world-class city but also keeping it kind of universal.

The women are all extremely glamorous and well put-together — although I'm sure we'll see them get into all sorts of messy mom situations. Are these characters relatable?

We discussed that a lot in the (writers') room. You're right that this is not depicting a poor single mom. There's a fantasy element to it. These women are relatively privileged, but even someone with some privilege can have a hard time.

Why is it called *Workin' Moms* instead of *Working Moms*?

It was called *Workin' Moms* when I started, and it stayed *Workin' Moms*. It's because they're so busy, they don't have time to say the G! (laughs).

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“These are the type of women I feel like I would hang out with.” Rebecca Kohler

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WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Marie O Connell, 33, Early Childhood Educator.

Back in high school, I was basically the neighbourhood babysitter. Now that I think about it, I feel like I spent most of my Friday and Saturday nights doing arts and crafts with a bunch of five- and six-year-olds. My friends and family always said I'd make a great mom (I'm now a proud mother of two), so naturally I ended up enrolling in the early childhood education program at Red River College when I was 19.

Today I specialize in running before- and after-school programs for children with varying disabilities. In this role, it's important that I keep current in CPR and First Aid certification while maintaining an environment that consistently protects the security, health and well-being of all children up to 12 years.

I love a challenge, and my job certainly comes with several. I must plan and carry out inclusive programs that promote all areas of child development — all while keeping upwards of 15 kids entertained by stories, songs, crafts and snacks. It's a job that requires strong interpersonal skills, flexibility, judgment and a fun personality. If that speaks to any job seekers, I say go for it!



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WHERE YOU CAN GO

ECEs work primarily with children from infancy to eight years, and thus have a profound impact on a child's development. Families place their trust in child care centres, nursery schools and the elementary school system to assist in the development of their child. Employment in this sector is expected to remain strong in Canada, especially with the prevalence of newcomer families.

NEXT CAREER STEP

Professionals seeking work opportunities or career advancement may consider joining a recognized affiliation or association, many of which provide members with updates on continuing education courses, networking events and curriculum development strategies. Additionally, employers typically hire professionals with current CPR certification, immunization records and knowledge of the Day Nurseries Act.

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Wayne Rooney tied Bobby Charlton as Manchester United's all-time leading scorer with his 249th goal on Saturday in a 4-0 win over Reading

Green Bay prayers answered by Rodgers

NFL PLAYOFFS

Packers QB tosses up more long-ball magic vs. Giants

Aaron Rodgers, master of the Hail Mary pass, struck again in another big moment.

Rodgers overcame a sluggish start and finished with four touchdown passes, including a momentum-swinging 42-yard heave to Randall Cobb at the end of the second quarter, to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 38-13 win Sunday over the New York Giants in the NFC wild-card game in Wisconsin.

The Packers move on to face the Dallas Cowboys in the divisional round next week.

Rodgers was 25 of 40 for 362 yards, continuing a remarkable run of quarterback play that helped the Packers win their final six games of the regular season to take the NFC North. Cobb finished with five receptions for 116 yards and three scores.

For much of the first half, the Giants' defence flustered the two-time NFL MVP. They got pressure on Rodgers and the secondary blanketed the Packers' talented receiving corps, and a few boos even rained down from the stands after New York built a 6-0 lead on two field goals by Robbie Gould.



Randall Cobb catches a 42-yard touchdown pass on Sunday evening in Green Bay, Wis.

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SCORES

WILD-CARD WEEKEND Saturday

Texans 27, Raiders 14
Seahawks 26, Lions 6

Sunday

Steelers 30, Dolphins 12
Packers 38, Giants 13

As it turned out, Rodgers was just getting started.

"We hit a Hail Mary. That got us going," Rodgers said.

Green Bay scored two touch-

downs in the final 2:20 of the second quarter, punctuated by another remarkable desperation pass by Rodgers.

With the ball on the Giants 42, Rodgers took the snap with six seconds left. He rolled to his right before heaving a throw from about the Packers 47. Cobb somehow got behind three defensive backs near the back of the end zone to haul in the pass, getting both feet down before falling out of bounds.

The Giants looked stunned, just like how the Detroit Lions and Arizona Cardinals looked

last season after Rodgers pulled off similar feats.

"Davante (Adams) made a bunch of plays," Rodgers said. "And Randall Cobb, who this offence has been missing for a long time. We're better with 18 on the field and he showed it tonight."

Rodgers and Cobb weren't done.

They connected again on a 30-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter for a 21-13 lead. That score answered a Giants scoring drive that briefly cut the deficit to one. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER

FIFA primed to expand World Cup

FIFA is set to make the World Cup bigger and richer, even if the price to pay is lower quality soccer.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino hopes his ruling Council will agree Tuesday to expand the 2026 World Cup to 48 nations, playing in 16 groups of three teams.

A decision could be delayed if some Council members demand to know exactly how many qualifying places each continent will get before agreeing to scrap the 32-team format. It has been successful, popular and profitable since

1998 and is locked in for the next two World Cups in Russia and Qatar.

The prize of 16 extra places, and the biggest increases to Africa and Asia, has "overwhelming" support from FIFA's 211 member federations, Infantino has said.

Their promise of extra funding from Zurich could also be secured by FIFA's forecast 20 per cent rise in rights fees paid by broadcasters and sponsors.

World Cup champion Germany is among those not in favour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The driver should really be the development of football and boosting football all over the world.

President Gianni Infantino

NBA

Penguins pump six pucks past Bolts

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 28 shots in his fifth straight win, leading the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 6-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday.

Fleury, who has not lost in regulation since allowing six goals to the Minnesota on Nov. 25, is 7-0-1 in his last eight decisions.

Connor Sheary had a goal and an assist, and Eric Fehr, Chris Kunitz, Scott Wilson, Phil Kessel and Kris Letang also scored for the Penguins. Sidney Crosby

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and Matt Cullen each two assists.

Jonathan Drouin and Vladislav Namestnikov scored for the Lightning, and Andrei Vasilevski made 31 saves in his third start in four days.

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CANADIAN OPEN

Alberta skip shocks world in Saskatchewan

Casey Scheidegger could only watch last year's Canadian Open. This year she's the women's champion.

Scheidegger, from Lethbridge, Alta., downed Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni 5-4 on Sunday in the Open final to win the title in her Grand Slam of Curling debut.

Scheidegger, third Cary-Anne McTaggart, second Jessie Scheidegger and lead Stephanie Enright trailed 4-3 through six ends, but grabbed one in the seventh and stole another in the eighth to cap-

ture the championship and hand the Swiss skip her first defeat at the triple-knock-out tournament.

"We're just so excited," said Scheidegger.

"There isn't much more to say, it was awesome. We're a little bit shocked but that's curling. Sometimes you get the breaks and we managed to do that. We played well all week so I can't ask for any-

We're a little bit shocked but that's curling.

Casey Scheidegger

thing more."

Tirinzoni had won five draws in a row to reach the final through the A-Bracket while Scheidegger nearly

had her tournament come to an end on Friday after starting 1-2 in North Battleford, Sask.

Scheidegger kept herself alive with a 7-4 win on Friday night against Winnipeg's Kerri Einarson in the C-Bracket.

et. Then she pulled off a 9-4 victory against Edmonton's Kelsey Roque Saturday morning to make the playoffs and downed Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones 6-5 in the quarter-finals to reach the semifinals, where she beat Edmonton's Val Sweeting 7-3.

Brad Gushue of St. John's, N.L., threw a perfect 100 per cent in the men's final earlier Sunday to defeat Sweden's Niklas Edin 8-3 and capture his seventh career Grand Slam of Curling title.

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IN BRIEF

Thomas holds on to win Tournament of Champions

Justin Thomas bounced back in time Sunday to hold off Hideki Matsuyama and win the SBS Tournament of Champions.

Thomas closed with a 4-under 69 and ended Matsuyama's bid for a fourth straight win.

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Justin Thomas
GETTY IMAGES

Harden hangs 40-point triple-double on Raptors

James Harden scored 40 points to lift Houston to a 129-122 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday, for the Rockets' eighth consecutive win.

The Raptors' loss spoiled excellent performances from DeMar DeRozan, who had 36 points, and DeMarre Carroll, who had a career-high six three pointers en route to 26 points.

Harden also had 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Individual Breakfast Pizzas



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Let's start this week off easy, shall we? How about breakfast for dinner in the form of this delicious little pizza that comes together in a snap.

Ready in 25 minutes

Prep time: 5
Cook time: 20
Serves 2

Ingredients

- 2 pitas
- 1 cup passata (or tomato or pizza sauce)
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups mozzarella, grated
- 1/4 cup crisply fried bacon, crumbled
- Few leaves of basil
- 2 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F. Place pitas on baking sheet. Pour tomato sauce on pitas and spread around. Leave a little edge clear of sauce all the way around.

2. Sprinkle cheese on each pita and push out the edges so you make a nest for each egg. Sprinkle basil and bacon around the edge of cheese nest. Gently crack an egg in the middle.

3. Slide sheet carefully into oven. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, depending on how done you like your eggs.

4. Use a spatula to move egg pizza to a cutting board where you'll cut each pizza into four. Serve with slices of avocado, sour cream and a bit of salsa. Enjoy!

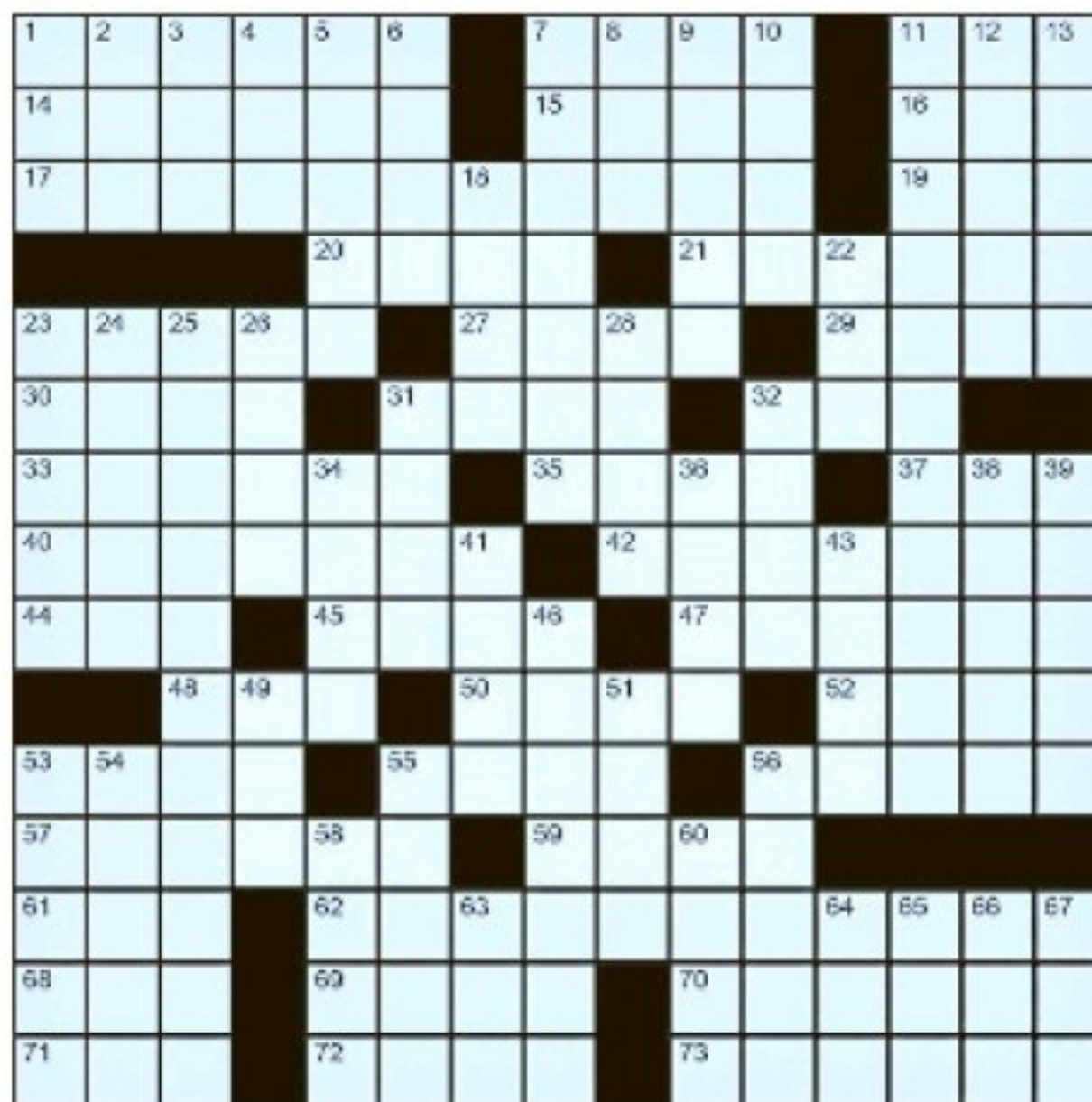
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. "I didn't realize it would take ___" (I thought this would be over by now)
7. ___ Carotene
11. Nevertheless
14. Affirmation, fancy-style
15. Get ___ the ground floor
16. Clearasil rival, ___ 5
17. Patented in 1894, Canadian inventor Theodore Witte's invention in your tool kit: 2 wds.
19. Knock at the door
20. Give off
21. Be bothersome
23. Greenfly, for one
27. Trivial things to pick
29. Immature newts
30. Repented
31. Gentle
32. Kingston Trio lettered tune
33. How most medication is taken
35. Consequently
37. Pen's cover
40. Imposing, as taxes
42. Master at La Scala
44. Grassy field
45. Caspian and Tyrrhenian
47. Flunky
48. Ho-hum habituation
50. Inscribe
52. Barrel
53. Mr. Kinnear
55. Unadorned
56. #11-Down is situated



- at its mouth, ___ River
57. Hurrying-up human
59. Empire of Peru
61. Vancouver sch.
62. Nova Scotia ___
___ Retriever (Sporting dog)
68. ___-ray player
69. Rock's ___ Straits

70. Oatmeal or chocolate chip
71. View
72. Burden
73. Addition-ally: 2 wds.

DOWN

1. Pouch
2. Latin-style eggs

3. Mr. Reed
4. Bird of the night
5. Without wearables
6. Flicker of light, for short
7. Successful spot, with The: 2 wds.
8. Manchester's country, for short

9. Experiences a destination
10. Ms. Kendrick
11. 1684: Hudson's Bay Company trading post in northeastern Manitoba which is now a National Historic Site of Canada: 2 wds.
12. Laud

13. Varieties
18. Fashion brand, ___ Ricci
22. Goalie's area
23. On ___ (Doing fantastic)
24. Mush (Recipe instruction)
25. Ontario's 400-series highways are the setting of Discovery Channel Canada's new series "___": 401
26. Lazily
28. Condition
31. England: Newcastle upon ___
32. ___ & Chandon Champagne
34. Shopper's reference
36. Large laceration
38. Lock horns
39. Hallmark inners
41. Earth goddess of ancient Greece
43. ___ crackers
46. Hits the pick-et line
49. "Gross!"
51. Penny
53. Chows
54. Russia's currency
55. Boston hockey player
56. Heavenly hats
58. Taro root
60. Funny lady Imogene
63. French vineyard
64. Stovetop setting
65. White House nickname
66. Zilch
67. Congeal

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Think twice before you get into an argument with someone today, especially a sibling or relative, because you might regret it. Remember: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day to make important financial decisions, because you are not 100 per cent sure about what you want to do. You're also not 100 per cent sure of the facts.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Be patient when talking with parents, bosses and authority figures today, because people are confused and impatient. Don't get involved. And never underestimate the power of courtesy.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because these arguments will be pointless. There's too much confusion, and too much anger.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you need to sort out matters related to inheritances or shared property, wait another day, because this is not the day to do it. Truthfully, your heart is not in it. These talks will fail.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It's easy to be quarrelsome with partners and close friends today, which is why this is a poor day for important discussions. This also is the classic day where people can kid themselves. It's not good.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid sensitive subjects like politics and religion today, especially with coworkers. These conversations will go south in a New York minute. Who needs this? Not you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Postpone financial discussions for another day, especially about the shared cost of raising children or a social event. This is not a good day for this kind of thing.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be accommodating with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. In addition, Neptune and Mars are causing you to confuse an issue. Go gently.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Keep your head down and your powder dry today when you're at work. Don't go looking for trouble. It will find you. Both Mars and Neptune will introduce confusion and anger to your discussions.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Parents should be patient with their kids today, because it's a confusing day. Likewise, it's a confusing day for romance.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Postpone important family discussions for another day because today confusion and heated emotions will color everything. Lighten up. You'll be glad you did later.

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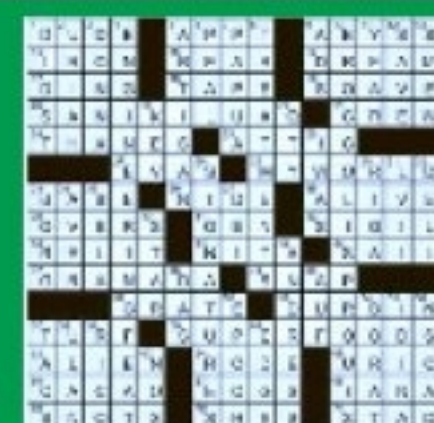
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